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## SPECIAL TELEGRAMS.

### MANCHURIAN RAILWAY.

#### SOLD TO CHINESE.

[“INDEPENDENT NEWS” AGENCY.]

Tokyo, July 20.

The Manchurian Railway Company has sold an old railroad, with a line of thirty miles, between Su-chu-tong and Shiu-cheung-tzu to the Chinese Government.

## REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

### THE SEAMEN'S STRIKE.

#### PIERCED RIOTING AT CARDIFF.

[SERVICE TO THE “TELEGRAPH.”]

London, July 19, 7.40 a.m.

There has been fierce rioting amongst the seamen strikers in Cardiff as the result of the arrest of a Union leader.

Two warehouses are on fire, the outcome, it is supposed, of incendiaries.

Another warehouse was looted. Hogsheads of stout were broached. The drunken mob cut the fire hose and stoned the police, who made frequent baton charges.

Six police constables and thirty of the rioters were injured.

#### POLICE DRAFT FROM LONDON.

London, July 19, 9.5 p.m.

A force of 120 men drafted from the Metropolitan Police has arrived in Cardiff to assist the local police in quelling the disturbances.

A body of 200 troops at Newport has been warned to be in readiness to help in the event of further rioting.

#### WORKERS' DECISION.

London, July 19, 9.5 p.m.

At a meeting of workers of all classes in Cardiff it was resolved that all should cease work until the shipowners recognised the Seamen's Union.

## MR. BALFOUR.

### STATE OF HEALTH CAUSING ANXIETY.

[SERVICE TO THE “TELEGRAPH.”]

London, July 19, 8.45 a.m.

The “Daily Telegraph” announces that the state of health of the Right Hon. A. J. Balfour, Leader of the Opposition, is causing some anxiety and that he will proceed shortly to Gastein, an Austrian town famous for its curative warm springs.

#### A CONTRADICTION.

London, July 19, 9.5 p.m.

The report as to the anxiety felt regarding Mr. Balfour's health is contradicted.

## REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

### HOME POLITICS.

#### THE PARLIAMENT BILL.

[SERVICE TO THE “TELEGRAPH.”]

London, July 19, 8.45 a.m.

The papers are agreed that the House of Lords will pass the third reading of the Parliament Bill on Thursday and state that the resistance of the extremists will be overcome.

The Liberals assert that after the Premier's announcement of the 24th instant it is the intention of the Government to create Peers.

Lord Lansdowne, the Leader of the Opposition in the House of Lords, counsels his followers not to persist in their opposition to the Bill, while announcing the determination of the Unionists to reverse the Bill at the earliest opportunity.

#### STATE INSURANCE BILL.

London, July 19, 8.45 a.m.

The debate in the House of Commons on the State Insurance Bill marked a remarkable personal triumph for Mr. D. Lloyd George, the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

The Labourites and Conservatives pressed for amendments to the clause of the Bill which is aimed against malingering.

Mr. Lloyd George appealed to a hostile House to face electoral unpopularity rather than wreck the Finance Bill.

It was not straightforward to the workmen to deny that there were malingers in their ranks.

The clause in question was adopted by a majority of 74, and Mr. Lloyd George received an ovation when the result was declared.

#### A BY ELECTION.

London, July 19, 2.5 p.m.

There will be a by-election in the Middleton Division of Lancashire, owing to the sitting Liberal member, Sir W. Ryland Dent Adkins, having been appointed Recorder at Nottingham.

## REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

### TROUBLE IN PERSIA.

#### EX-SHAH ACTIVE.

[SERVICE TO THE “TELEGRAPH.”]

London, July 19, 2.5 p.m.

Wires from Teheran, the capital of Persia, state that the ex-Shah has landed at Gume-shi-tepe on the coast of the Caspian Sea amongst the Turcomans with whom he has been for some time in communication.

His brother Salared Dauleh has proclaimed him in Kurdistan. Mujales Sultan and is stirring up the tribesmen of Azerbaijan in his behalf.

#### NEW CABINET.

[SERVICE TO THE “TELEGRAPH.”]

London, July 20, 12.5 a.m.

Further advices from Teheran state that the Government is active. A new Cabinet has been formed.

Several leaders have hastened to assure the Government of their hearty support against the ex-Shah.

The conduct of Russia in permitting him to traverse her territory is severely criticised.

### HOME RACING.

#### LIVERPOOL CUP.

London, July 19, 9.35 p.m.

The following are probable starters and jockeys in the race for the Liverpool Cup, to be run on Friday next:—

Decision, F. Wootton.

King Midas, Maher.

Endorus, Clark.

Rathlea, Earl.

Dalnaerag, Rickaby.

Atty, Donoghue.

Raise the Wind, Fitten.

Zorzal, G. McCall.

Humorist, Winter.

Persist, Trigg.

Clannish, Jelliss.

#### THE BETTING.

London, July 19, 9.5 p.m.

The betting on the race for the Liverpool Cup is as follows:—

3 to 1 against Decision.

6 to 1 King Midas and Persist.

8 to 1 Atty.

100 to 7 Clannish.

## REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

### BISLEY RIFLE MEETING.

#### KING'S PRIZE.

[SERVICE TO THE “TELEGRAPH.”]

London, July 19, 2.5 p.m.

Corporal Trainor of Canada won the Bronze Medal in the first stage of the King's Prize competition at the Bisley Rifle Meeting.

### JAPANESE ALLIANCE.

#### APPROVAL BY COLONIAL PREMIERS.

[SERVICE TO THE “TELEGRAPH.”]

London, July 19, 10 p.m.

Right Hon. Lewis Harcourt, Secretary of State for the Colonies, has announced that the Colonial Premiers were consulted on the subject of the renewal of the Anglo-Japanese Alliance.

The Premiers unanimously approved of the Treaty.

### THE PREVENTION OF CONSUMPTION.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE KING.

[SERVICE TO THE “TELEGRAPH.”]

London, July 19, 10 p.m.

At the conference of experts concerning the prevention of consumption, a telegraphic message was received from His Majesty King George, expressing his sympathy with the object in view.

Right Hon. John Burns, President of the Local Government Board, said in his opening address that the ravages of consumption had been proved to be a diminishing force, and expressed the belief that the disease would be eradicated in the course of the next twenty-five years.

Consumption was declining, comparatively with better housing and social conditions and the diminution of the nation's drink bill.

#### The Proudlock Case.

The last act of the Kuala Lumpur tragedy occurred last week when Mrs. Proudlock was released from Pudu Gaol. She was met by her husband, father, mother, and Miss Charter. A full report appears on page 3.

## REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

### ALCAZAR INCIDENT.

#### FRANCE AND SPAIN COME TO SETTLEMENT.

[SERVICE TO THE “TELEGRAPH.”]

London, July 20, 12.10 a.m.

Despatches received from Paris and Madrid to-night point to a settlement of the Franco-Spanish dispute regarding the Alcazar incident, involving the arrest by Spanish troops of the French Consul, M. Boisset.

Spain has intimated her readiness to apologise if the French version of M. Boisset's arrest is confirmed.

The Spanish Government is sending a new Consul to Alcazar with conciliatory instructions.

#### SPANISH EXPLANATIONS.

[SERVICE TO THE “TELEGRAPH.”]

London, July 20, 7.30 a.m.

Paris advices to hand say that the Spanish Ambassador there has called upon M. De Selves, the Foreign Minister, and expressed the Spanish Government's regret concerning the occurrence of the Alcazar incident.

The Spanish Government, said the Ambassador, was anxious to preserve cordial relations with France and is instructing its representatives at Alcazar to that effect.

From Madrid it is reported that the Spanish commandant at Alcazar has been punished and the offending soldiers, have apologised to M. Boisset, the French Consul (who was made subject to arrest by the Spanish Guard).

### KING IN EDINBURGH.

#### BRILLIANT FUNCTION.

[SERVICE TO THE “TELEGRAPH.”]

London, July 20, 12.10 a.m.

Their Majesties King George and Queen Mary on Bank Holiday in Edinburgh attended a brilliant ceremony at the dedication of the Chapel of the Order of the Thistle, at the south-east corner of St. Giles' Church.

There were great crowds and ovations.

## REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

### HOME CRICKET.

[SERVICE TO THE “TELEGRAPH.”]

London, July 19, 10 p.m.

The following are amongst the latest cricket results in England: Nottingham won by 8 wickets. The Indian XI. won by 1 wicket.

Kent won by 154 runs.

Warwick won by 80 runs.

Middlesex won by 127 runs.

Surrey played a drawn game.

Essex drew.

Iremonger has accepted the invitation of Marylebone Cricket Club to take a place in the English team which is going to Australia shortly.

### SCHUMACHER CUP.

[SERVICE TO THE “TELEGRAPH.”]

London, July 20, 1 a.m.

In the competition for the Schumacher Cup, the winners were the Royal Fusiliers, Jubulpoore, with a score of 3,604.

The Tenth Hussars, Rawal Pindir, with a score of 3,213, in third prize.

The Witwatersrand Rifles with a score of 2,703, gained the Dismounted Units Prize for Non-Regulars.

Other leaders are as reported on the 22nd and the 27th of May, except that the Berkshire have scored 2,635 points and the Ninetieth Punjab 2,540.

#### British Naval Situation.

Admiral Slade who is well known in Hongkong has made a contribution to the “London and China Express” on the naval situation in the Far East. The optimistic tone that prevails may be gathered from the article which is printed on page 3.

#### Watered Cotton.

The watered cotton dispute at Shanghai is assuming alarming proportions. The country people are refusing to send cotton to Shanghai. There is consequently a shortage. The matter is fully dealt with on page 3.

#### Coronation Gifts.

Of all the Coronation gifts that the King and Queen will receive from foreign potentates, those of the Chinese Emperor are supposed to be the most splendid. A description appears on page 3.

#### Thefts of Fur.

In consequence of the serious losses of fur on the trans-Siberian railway extra precautions are being urged upon consignors of goods via that line. A statement of the fur trade appears on page 3.

## CHINESE TELEGRAMS.

### THE TACHING BANK.

[“SHUNG PO” SERVICE.]

Peking, July 19.

The Ministry of Communications proposes to call the Taching Bank, the Central National Bank of China. There will be nine departments in the bank under the new arrangements.

### NATIONALIZATION OF RAILWAYS.

[“SHUNG PO” SERVICE.]

Peking, July 19.

The Ministry of Communications proposes to nationalize the Lok Tung Railway.

### SALT MONOPOLY.

[“SHUNG PO” SERVICE.]

Peking, July 19.

The settlement of the question regarding the nationalization of the salt trade in China has been postponed.

### OFFICIALS RECOMMENDED.

[“SHUNG PO” SERVICE.]

Peking, July 19.

Sir Chun Tung Liang Shing, the Chinese Minister at Berlin, has strongly recommended the appointment of a number of officials in Peking.

### PROPOSED CALENDAR REFORM.

#### TO BE DISCUSSED BY CABINET.

[“SHUNG PO” SERVICE.]

Peking, July 19.

The President of the Ministry of Communications proposes the adoption of foreign calendar months for China.

Prince Ching is of opinion that this is a very important question and ought to be discussed by the Cabinet.

#### The Weather Forecast.









## KUALA LUMPUR TRAGEDY.

## Final Proceedings.

The following were present at the special meeting of the Selangor State Council, held at the Istana, Klang, convened to consider the petition on behalf of Mrs. Proudlock praying for the Sultan's pardon:

The Sultan of Selangor, the Acting Resident of Selangor, Mr. J. O. Anthoz, The Raja Muda, Raja Haji But, Raja Hussain, Mr. E. B. Skinner, Towkay Chan Low Lin, Towkay Lee Kong Lam, Dr. Gibbs, Superintendent of the Singapore Lunatic Asylum, Mr. Broadrick, Secretary to the Resident, and Mr. Justice Sercombe Smith, who passed sentence upon Mrs. Proudlock.

Dr. Gibbs was questioned as to the probable state of Mrs. Proudlock's mind at the time of the tragedy, and stated that it would be advisable if observation were kept on her for some time.

The resident signed, at the Government Offices, an authority the same evening for the release of Mrs. Proudlock. Shortly after seven o'clock, she was free and was being embraced outside the gates of Pudu Gaol by her husband. Her father and mother, and Miss Marjorie Charter were also there to welcome her. Mrs. Proudlock was not attired in prison clothes, she having changed into clothes which her mother had forwarded. Mr. Cowan, Protector of Chinese, and Mrs. Cowan had placed their carriage at the service of Mr. and Mrs. Proudlock, who were quickly driven away from the precincts of the prison.

Nobody saw her relatives were present at her release. She was in a highly nervous condition, says the "Malay Mail," and to avoid the possibility of a breakdown was advised to retire at once on her arrival at her destination. Mr. and Mrs. Proudlock and Mr. and Mrs. Charter were the recipients of many congratulatory telegrams from the F. M. S. and the Colony.

Touching upon her future plans Mrs. Proudlock in an interview accorded a representative of the "Malay Mail," the following day, said: "A complete change will be the only thing to restore me to a state approaching normal health. To-morrow I leave Kuala Lumpur with my child for a brief retreat before I sail for home. My husband, unfortunately, will not be able to accompany me just now, but my father will come with me instead to see me settled."

"It may not be generally known," she continued, "that as soon as the death sentence had been passed upon me I was placed in the condemned cell at Pudu. There I was placed on prison diet and was ordered to wear prison clothes. At that time, as you know, I had entered an appeal against the judgment. I was allowed permission to see particular friends but was only able to speak to them through the iron bars of my cell. How I must have looked I cannot say. I was watched day and night and the step was taken, I am told, in order that I might not have the opportunity to do any harm to myself. I was even denied the use of a knife with which to cut food."

"As soon as I announced my decision to withdraw the appeal, however, I was taken from the condemned cell and treated as an ordinary prisoner."

"At the same time I wish to speak very highly of the consideration meted out to me by Mr. Galloway, Chief Gaoler, Pudu Gaol, and by other officials, who, as far as regulations allowed, showed every kindness to me."

"Throughout my incarceration, in spite of the fate hanging over me, I felt myself justified absolutely in the act I had committed. Therefore, the horrors of my imprisonment were intensified, because I had not the knowledge that I was suffering for any sin."

Mrs. Proudlock was anxious to convey to the numerous ladies and gentlemen in Kuala Lumpur, Penang, Singapore, and other places, her gratitude for the kindness shown to her.

A sister of Mr. Proudlock will probably accompany her to England.

In the course of a letter to friends and sympathisers, written after her release, Mrs. Proudlock says:

"I would like to let all my

friends in Kuala Lumpur, Penang, Singapore, and all over the Straits Settlements and the Peninsula know how grateful I am to them for their very great kindness towards me and my husband during the truly wretched time through which we have both just passed. But I am afraid I am not able to express all I feel."

I can only say that I have the deepest feelings of gratitude towards all—to those of every race—who have done so much for me in extending their sympathy, in petitioning their Majesties the King and Queen and His Highness the Sultan for my release, in subscribing towards the costs of an appeal, and more especially to those ladies who have been with me and helped me during my trial and who cheered me by visiting me in my cell."

## WEST END TRAGEDY.

The inquiry into the death of Diana Irene Roberts, aged five years, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Owen Roberts, of 33, Grosvenor square, was held at the Westminster Coroner's Court last month. The child was fatally crushed in a lift at her parents' residence.

Mr. Marshall Roberts said his daughter had resided with him at his present house for three years, and the lift had been there all the time. The lift was used by everybody in the house, including the nurse, who took the children up and down in it.

The lift was started by pressing a button marked with the number of the floor. If it were necessary to stop the lift between the floors, there was an emergency button. Witness had tried the experiment, and found it was impossible to get his fore-finger in the well. He had never heard of a similar accident to the present one.

The coroner said he was afraid it was a very common kind of accident.

Continuing, Mr. Marshall Roberts said he saw the children taken into the lift, and shortly afterwards someone ran after him and told him there had been an accident. With the help of one of his men, witness burst the door open, and he could see that the lift had stuck about eight feet from the ground floor. On reaching up, he could just touch the child's foot with his hand. The leg was hanging down from the floor of the lift. The whole leg was below the level of the floor of the lift.

Witness and others rushed upstairs to the first floor, and he then saw the child's head and shoulders on the floor of the lift facing the back of the lift. Witness's chauffeur was let down by a rope on to the top of the cage, which he broke through. He then told witness that the child was absolutely crushed between the wall and the cage. The younger child was passed through the opening, and the nurse was pulled up. A doctor arrived, and was lowered by a rope into the cage. Meanwhile the nurse had fainted.

Subsequently, she made an incoherent statement, from which it appeared that the little girl had put her foot between the wall and the lift, in order to save a little dog, and was immediately drawn down and crushed. Nurses were at once summoned to cut away the wall of the lift-shaft.

The Nurse's Statement.

The nurse, Agnes Gordon, said that she held the younger child by the hand, and suddenly heard the other cry out. She reached across at once to press the emergency button, but just touched the light switch. She did not know whether she stopped the lift, or whether it was stopped by the child's body.

Dr. G. M. Simpson described the position of the child, and said she was badly crushed, and death was probably instantaneous.

Dennis Shephard, an engineer, was examined as to the possibility of preventing the accident. Under doors, he said, were quite unusual in such lifts, and in this case there were structural defects.

The coroner remarked to the jury that this was one more instance of the dangers of travelling in lifts, and he thought that clearly printed notices giving full instructions to users should be placed in every lift, especially warning people to keep away from the wall of the shaft.

The jury returned a verdict of accidental death, and expressed their sympathy with the parents.

## WATERED COTTON.

## A Serious Situation.

An important and at the same time serious development occurred in Shanghai on the 10th inst., as the result of the campaign started a few months ago against the watering of cotton. The history of the movement against the practice referred to is fresh in the minds of all, but since the last meeting of the Cotton Anti-Adulteration Association at which a set of proposed rules was given out, other events have taken place, and it is as a result of these, says the "North China Daily News" of the 10th, that the serious situation of yesterday was caused. Put briefly the development is that, an inspecting-house for cotton having been inaugurated on the Chinese Bund by the Cotton Guild, the country people at first refused to send any cotton to Shanghai, and although some arrived later in the day it was returned to the sellers on the ground of adulteration, and the country people received a severe warning of the subject. While there is little information as to the severity of the cotton yesterday, it is thought in very well-informed quarters that it is possible to lay a finger on those responsible for this state of affairs.

The Cotton Guild's Action. After the foreign merchants in town took action in regard to the evil of watered cotton, the local Chinese Guild followed suit and decided upon the establishment of a testing-house at Nantao, which is one of the most important of the receiving stations for Shanghai. The Guild had appointed a minor official, known as a Wei-yuen, to work with the Guild in the matter, but it was some time before anything could be done.

The Guild proposed the appointment of inspectors to deal with the cotton, and while agreeing to this the Wei-yuen, to start with, insisted that they should be his nominees. Aware of what this would probably mean, the Guild opposed such appointments, and at length the official agreed to their suggestion that men who were nominated by the Guild should act, and accordingly twelve men who had had considerable experience of the trade were appointed with two chief inspectors. The testing-house was established, and the Prefect of Pootung, who is generally in charge of the cotton-growing district was notified that the inspection of cotton for water would commence yesterday.

A Drastic Step. As a rule, cotton begins to arrive in the morning, the hour depending on the state of the tide. With an ebb tide those from the southerly districts would be the first on the scene, but with a flood the cotton from Pootung and down river in the Woosung direction would open the market. Yesterday everything was put into readiness for a start with the examination of the cotton for water and other foreign substances, but no cotton was to be had. The time wore on, but by half-past nine o'clock not a catty, much less a picul, had arrived. Obviously the country people had decided against the proposed reform, and were taking up the attitude of passive resistors.

Later in the morning, however, some cotton did arrive, but after examination it was found to be so badly adulterated that it was immediately returned to the seller. The announcement was then made that all cotton found to be adulterated within the next five weeks would be sent back to the country, and thereafter if the evil still continued those sending such cotton would be subjected to the bamboo for infringing the law.

Brokers at Work. Inquiry into the state of things has led those well acquainted with local conditions to the conclusion that the Chinese brokers who operate in the country are to a large extent at the bottom of the trouble. A few years ago the country people brought their own cotton to market, but then the broker grew up, and for a small commission he has done this work. Always in touch with the state of the market, he could keep the cotton grower fully informed as to the prices and prospects, and it is more than hinted that he could give the tip when it was safe to add more water, that is when there was a scarcity and merchants were anxious to buy at high prices. Under those condi-

tions his commission was increased through the adding of water, and with the inauguration of a testing-house he anticipated seeing his profits dwindle away. In taking up this attitude he no doubt was short-sighted, as for pure cotton higher prices would be paid, and in the long run he would recoup himself. However this may be, it is generally supposed that he is at the bottom of the present trouble.

At present the cotton season is nearing an end, and has only about six weeks more to run. At the start of the season the amount received in Shanghai is as much as three thousand piculs a day, but last week it had fallen to about seventy piculs. While yesterday the situation was of a decidedly serious nature, it will require two or three days before its full extent can be realized, and it is to be hoped that in the meantime the sellers of cotton may be in a more reasonable frame of mind.

Cotton Exports. Referring to the figures quoted in yesterday's issue in regard to Hankow, showing the value of China's cotton trade, the figures relating to Shanghai for the present season so far as it has gone are equally interesting. Since September, 1910, the exports of cotton from the port have amounted to 1,445,264 piculs, and taking the average price as 11s. 28 per picul, the value of these exports may be put at forty and half million taels. Besides this there is the local consumption in the various mills, so that, given unadulterated cotton, the industry is well worth looking after.

## SIBERIAN FUR.

## Some Hints to Dealers.

It is said in the Siberian papers that instructions have been given along the railway according to which fur goods must be carefully weighed and inspected. Besides this, the goods should be sealed by the senders, and the attendants must see that the seals remain unbroken. These measures have been taken in consequence of the frequent losses of valuable goods on this particular line.

But it is rather late, though better late than never, to institute such measures. It was hardly necessary to say that there were serious losses on this line, calling these measures into being, because it has been notorious for many years back that

Systematic Robbery of goods on the railway on a colossal scale is normal.

A Moscow report says that the condition of the fur market there is a depressed one. The hopes based on the Leipzig market have by no means been justified, and only certain varieties of goods have been sold at all; and as for the others, it is not hoped that anything can be done with them until the autumn. Although the prices have recently fallen very considerably, the bottom is not yet thought to be reached. Manufacturers who have large stocks are not in a hurry to add to them, as they still expect prices to drop further. It is supposed in Moscow that only on the approach of the cold autumn weather, when there is a demand for ready-made goods, will there be any call for

The Raw Article. According to information received from representatives of large local firms, good prices were obtained at the Leipzig market for sable, ermine, red fox and marten. Other goods, as for example, squirrel, Arctic fox, etc., met with but a poor demand, and nothing is hoped for in respect to them until the Nizhni-Novgorod market opens.

Dealers in carcase had to drop prices as compared with previous years. Still, considerable quantities were sold. It is believed that if holders will accept 10 to 15 per cent. less than they got last year there will be good business to be done in carcase at Nizhni-Novgorod in July. Vologda advises say business with furs is quiet, and arrivals are few.

In the hands of local dealers relatively large stocks of fox, ermine and hare have accumulated. For some time the only buyer of fur goods has been the agent of some German fur firms. But the local dealers, in view of the absence of demand from the capitals of Russia, namely, Moscow and St. Petersburg, are not disposed to commit themselves.

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## BRITISH NAVAL SITUATION.

## In the Far East.

Admiral Slade, who is well known in Hongkong, gets the following comment upon his opinions stated in our estimable contemporary the "London and China Express":—

With regard to the strength of the East Indies and China squadrons it is interesting to note that Rear-Admiral Edmund Slade, Commander-in-Chief of the former Station, takes an optimistic view of the naval situation in the Middle East, as opposed to the prevalent opinion that our position in those waters has been rendered insecure by the growth of naval power which may become a menace to British interests. Admiral Slade considers that the East Indies Squadron is sufficient at present for all practical purposes.

With reference to the China Squadron, Sir Edmund Slade does not agree with the agitation in favour of swift cruisers being sent to roam about the sea with the idea of picking up hostile ships. At the same time, Admiral Slade recognises the value of speed, and forecasts that in due course the speed of the ships forming the component parts of the Eastern Fleet will have to be increased in order to keep abreast with the increased speed of all ships on the trade routes.

For the work, however, which at present has to be performed on the China and East Indies Stations, Admiral Slade considers the present classes of ships quite suitable, on the principle that as it is not economical to use a steam hammer to wield a horse power, so also it is unnecessary to utilise big armoured cruisers to deal with vessels which are relatively small and weak.

## CHINESE GIFTS.

## To King and Queen.

Of all the Coronation presents which the King and Queen will receive from foreign potentates, none will surpass in splendour and true artistic value those which have been sent to their Majesties by the Emperor of China. These include, among many other items, the following:—

Two screens of Soochow lacquer coloured with vermilion and inscribed with Chinese jade letters on a black background. These letters, 108 in number, are really varieties of a single character which means "longevity."

Two large vases about 5 ft. high, of cloisonné blue enamel; two low divisional screens of black wood, with panels of painted porcelain; two dressing tables with mirrors in gilt metal frames, also of Soochow lacquer. They were made from a foreign pattern. Two small screens with coloured panels in black wood frames; two armchairs of Soochow lacquer with gilt seats and cushions of peacock-blue satin to harmonise with the red lacquer; a number of fancy-shaped vases in Soochow lacquer, all richly carved and depicting scenes from Chinese life.

The presents are the handwork of Chinese workmen, and, according to the "Daily Mail," are valued at £20,000. They were shipped direct from Shanghai, and reached their destination on 13th June. They were packed in 40 large cases lined with yellow silk wadded with cotton-wool. All the presents will be conveyed to Buckingham Palace on June 19, and presented with an autograph letter from the boy Emperor to their Majesties by the Chinese Envoy to the Coronation, Prince Tsai Chen.

## Intimations



## SHORTEST &amp; QUICKEST ROUTE BETWEEN

## THE FAR EAST &amp; EUROPE, via DAIREN.

## SUMMER SCHEDULE.

(Effective from May 1, 1911)

THREE WEEKLY EXPRESS TRAIN SERVICE, composed of excellently equipped Sleeping, Dining and 1st Class Cars, is operated between Dairen and Changchun in connection with the Trans-Siberian Express Train and with Dairen-Shanghai Direct Steamer Service by the S.S. "Kobe Maru" and "Saikio Maru" (each 2,877 tons) as follows:—

## NORTH BOUND.

1st Class Fare	Shanghai (Steamer) .....	Dairen ( " ) .....	Thurs. Sat. Sun.	Thurs. Sat. Sun.	Thurs. Sat. Sun.
\$40	Shanghai (Steamer) .....	Dairen ( " ) .....	Thurs. Sat. Sun.	Thurs. Sat. Sun.	Thurs. Sat. Sun.
Y14.95	(S.M.R. Train) .....	6.00 a.m.	Thurs. Sat. Sun.	Thurs. Sat. Sun.	Thurs. Sat. Sun.
Y11.50	Mukden ( " ) .....	1.50 p.m.	Thurs. Sat. Sun.	Thurs. Sat. Sun.	Thurs. Sat. Sun.
R 9.50	Changchun ( " ) .....	2.05 "	Thurs. Sat. Sun.	Thurs. Sat. Sun.	Thurs. Sat. Sun.
	(Russian Train) .....	8.30 "	Thurs. Sat. Sun.	Thurs. Sat. Sun.	Thurs. Sat. Sun.
	Harbin ( " ) .....	*9.30 a.m.	Thurs. Sat. Sun.	Thurs. Sat. Sun.	Thurs. Sat. Sun.

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## SOUTH BOUND.

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## ARMCHAIR PHILOSOPHY.

Among the subjects that were discussed at the Colonial Conference there were doubtless many that did not come prominently before the public, and one such instance is brought to our notice by an article in "The Statist" for June 17, which has just come to hand. The Australian Prime Minister introduced the following motion:—"That the members of this Conference recommend to their respective Governments the desirability of submitting measures to Parliament for the prevention of acts of conspiracy to defeat or evade the laws of any other part of the Empire; that the Imperial Government makes similar representations to the Governments of India and the Crown Colonies." The resolution was ultimately withdrawn, but the Government pledged itself to make representations to the Governments of British possessions in the East to take such steps as might be possible to check the practice of smuggling coolies, which was complained of by Australia. It is not of the resolution nor of the Government's undertaking that we complain, in fact we are in accord with the motive underlying both, but of the remarks made on the subject by the writer of the article.

There can be no mistake as to the views of "The Statist" in its attack on Australia's right to exclude what and whom she will. It says:—"Yet we say without hesitation that the Home Government ought not to have given such a pledge as they are reported to have given, and that the Conference ought not to engage to help the Australian Commonwealth to shut out coloured people, whether they be Chinese or others." This is surely another case where the people at home form judgment on really second hand information and proceed to lay down with an air of dignity, begotten of ignorance, what the dependencies in the Pacific shall or shall not do. Australia has a government of its own, and if the people, who know, say that they do not want Chinese in their coasts, an end comes to all argument and the duty of every integral part of the Empire is loyally to assist the continent colony towards the fulfilment of its desire. "There is no need for theorists in London to discuss pros and cons, and the ethical right of men to roam the whole world over. The people on the spot know, and they must always bow before knowledge. No wonder Colonials lose patience, when the type of thought that "The Statist" apparently enters for, endeavours to set the whole world right from the fireplace."

The promises of argument are equally weak, for the article proceeds:—"It is to be recollected that thought to exclude is by no means generally acknowledged." The Western Powers, for example, compel China not merely to open her ports to foreigners, and to engage in trades which China wishes to abolish, but they force her even to admit missionaries who preach in a manner that stirs up strife in China."

The Powers do not force her to open her ports to foreigners. Had "The Statist" said "some ports," it would have been nearer the mark. Nor is China being coerced into continuing trades, which she wishes to abolish. There is only one trade that might come under that heading, and though China is being actively aided by Great Britain, an actual infringement of the agreement to suppress the opium traffic has come to British notice, while those who know and do not theorise, doubt the bona fides of the Celestial even in this matter. The article goes on to describe the Chinese nation as weak, a people numbering 400 millions and with natural resources beyond the dream of the armchair philosopher at home. While we are not prepared to uphold Australia's claim to powers of exclusion against people of the Empire, despite their colour or creed, we claim, for that colony, the right to pick and choose amongst those who are not subjects of the Crown. Had "The Statist" been anything but a financial paper it would, we venture, to think, have joined in the hysterical shriek against allowing the Chinese in England. If the home country should possess the right to exclude the Celestial, so should the colonies. What is sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander.

## DAY BY DAY.

Bad men excuse their faults, good men will leave them.

Word has been received in Bangkok that a pure white crow has been caught in the Roi Etti district. This exceedingly rare bird will be sent to Bangkok for presentation to the King.

Mr. Linton, of the Mercantile Bank, has been in Kelantan arranging for the opening of a branch of the Mercantile Bank, which, says the "Pinnang Gazette," will be managed by the agency of the Duff Company.

## Street Thefts.

Yesterday, someone stole some burners and mantles off street lamps in Garlon Road. The Police have been having a good deal of trouble lately in this respect.

## Got Through a Trap-Door.

Bad characters broke open a trap-door in a house in Des Vaux Road Central yesterday and annexed a quantity of clothing to the value of \$9.

Hawker Fined for Obstruction. A hawker was brought up before Mr. J. R. Wood at the Magistracy this morning for causing an obstruction in the public streets, at Wan-chai. The defendant was fined \$2. Inspector J. Kerr prosecuted.

## Carelessness Rewarded.

A broker residing at 282, Queen's Road Central reports to the Police that thieves entered his house by means of a ventilator which had been left open and stole a quantity of jewellery and clothing to the value of \$270.

## The Late Rev. J. McCarthy.

News has reached the China Inland Mission headquarters of the death of the Rev. J. McCarthy at Yunnanfu, on June 21, at the ripe age of 71. Mr. McCarthy was one of the pioneer missionaries of the C.I.M., having arrived in Shanghai, via the Cape, in February, 1867.

## Death of Mr. S. A. Markham.

News reached Manila last week of the untimely death of Mr. Samuel A. Markham at the port of Suez, where he was taken ashore from the Norddeutscher Lloyd steamship "Prinz Ludwig," critically ill from an attack of appendicitis. He died within a few hours.

## S.S. Assaye.

By the courtesy of the manager of the P. & O. Company's Hongkong office we are able to publish the following message:—"I am in receipt of a wireless message from S.S. Assaye, received through Shanghai, to the effect that owing to the typhoon weather prevailing in the Yangtze the steamer was delayed after leaving Shanghai and cannot reach Hongkong before 4 p.m. Friday."

## Death of Dr. Locke.

The death occurred on Thursday last at Penang of Dr. P. V. Locke, Municipal Commissioner, from a cerebral affection. At the meeting of the Municipal Commission the same afternoon a resolution of deep regret was passed at the death of Dr. Locke, the loss of whose advice and co-operation in Municipal affairs would be greatly felt in Penang.

## An Abortive Outrage.

Shortly after eight o'clock on the night of Tuesday last, the Police at Mongkok, Yunnan, came across three men, one of whom was carrying two revolvers and a sharp-pointed dagger. They were promptly arrested and, this morning, Inspector Macdonald charged them before Mr. F. A. Hazeland with being in possession of arms with intent to use them for an unlawful purpose and failing to give a satisfactory explanation. Cases remanded.

## Currency in Kwangtung.

Some time ago H. E. the Canton Viceroy received a communication from the Ministry of Finance requesting His Excellency to instruct the authorities throughout the Province to submit returns of the import of foreign specie and notes of issue with particulars of their market value and their comparison with the Chinese coin and the Chinese notes of issue regarding their circulation. So far, the authorities have not carried out these instructions and the Ministry of Finance has again written to the Canton Viceroy, asking His Excellency to compel his subordinates to complete the work within three months.

## Retaliation.

In retaliation for the bringing into existence of the anti-opium medicine, which has been spoken of in these columns, the dealers in raw and prepared opium in Canton have gone on strike.

## Opium Trade in China.

In the House of Commons, Mr. W. W. Ashley, member for Blackpool, asked the Prime Minister whether the cost of making good the loss of Indian revenue caused by the extinction of the opium trade between India and China will fall upon the British or Indian taxpayer.

Mr. Asquith: The extent of the loss from the progressive restriction and eventual extinction of the India opium trade are at present undetermined and depend on contingencies that cannot be accurately foreseen. So far there has been no loss to the revenue owing to the higher prices due to the policy of restriction.

## Anarchists Arrested.

As already reported in our columns, nine men were arrested in Sin Wa street in Canton on suspicion some days ago. The prisoners at the trial admitted that they had taken part in the recent rising in Canton and that there were many of their party still taking shelter in Canton. When questioned as to the whereabouts of their accomplices, they refused to supply any information. They are still being detained in a flower bed pending the apprehension of their accomplices. The object of this mild system of treatment of the prisoners by the authorities is unknown.

## New Opium Taxation.

Some time ago, the Customs Commissioner at Canton suggested to the Superintendent Board of Customs, a taxation on prepared opium, exported or imported, with a list of regulations in connection with its enforcement. According to the regulations, passengers will be exempted from the payment of duty on prepared opium on condition that they shall not carry more than 10 taels each for private use. For every picul of prepared opium, the tax will be \$1.700 for import, and for every picul of prepared opium, the duty will be \$1.400 for export. The Customs Commissioner has now received instructions from the Superintendent Board, sanctioning his suggestions for introducing this new taxation.

## Passengers to Hongkong.

The following are amongst the passengers booked from Europe to Hongkong recently:—

Per P. & O. steamer Mores, connecting with the steamer Delhi at Colombo. From London Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Dumeau.

Per P. & O. steamer Sardinia. From London July 1.—Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Smith; Mr. A. E. Seecombe, Mr. and Mrs. G. Hollins and child; Mr. W. A. G. Leitch, Mr. and Mrs. J. Carr and child.

Per P. & O. steamer Mooltan, connecting with the steamer Arcadia at Colombo. From London July 14th.—Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Wright and child.

Per M.M. steamer Armand Bobie, from Marseilles.—Mr. and Mrs. Pereira, Mrs. Marie Jose de Camara.

## Naval Changes.

The Crescent, cruiser, on special service, has arrived at Spithead with relieved crews from the China Station.

The cruiser Pelorus, which is on passage from Hongkong with the relieved crew of the surveying ship Morlin, which has been commissioned for further service in the Far East, is expected to arrive at Portsmouth on June 23.

## Army Appointments.

Brevet-Col. J. H. A. Anderson, late Manchester Regiment, on completion of his period of service as commandant of the Peking Legation Guard, has been placed on the half-pay list.

Lieut. B. N. Denison, who on completion of three years' duty as adjutant of the 2nd King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, in Ireland, has been selected for duty with the 1st Battalion at Hongkong, is the son of Rear-Admiral John Denison, and was a midshipman before joining the Kolia. He was specially recommended for advancement for his work with the Naval Brigade in the Boer war, and received an instructor's appointment with the Canadian Forces after only four years' service in the Army.

The annual meeting of the Philharmonic Society will take place at 5.30 p.m. to-morrow.

Capt. W. J. E. Bell, R.A.M.C., having returned to duty on 17th instant, the unexpired portion of his leave, viz., 17th to 25th July, is cancelled.

On ceasing to do duty with the Legation Guard at Peking, Capt. T. O. Leah, Royal Garrison Artillery, has been appointed Armament Officer at Hongkong.

Roy Kenny, who is on his way to Australia, has refused to fight Logan, the 7th cavalryman at Manila. Logan was willing and anxious to meet Kenny, but the latter blocked all negotiations. Before leaving Hongkong, Kenny said he would not fight in the Orient for some time to come.

## Truck Tragedy.

This afternoon, while a Chinese was walking along one of the Colony's roads, was run over by a truck loaded with cases of goods and was killed. Beyond this, we have been unable to gather further details.

## Crushed to Death.

A sad tragedy comes from Westminster, where the five-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Owen Roberts of 33 Grosvenor Square was crushed to death by a lift, see page 3. This will recall the sad death of a son of the late Dr. Hunter, government bacteriologist here.

## Death of a Well-known Comrade.

Mr. Sam Heng See, the chief comrade of the Banque de l'Indo-Chine at Bangkok, has died. He was well-known to many in Bangkok, having arrived from Hongkong some 12 years ago, since when he has been fairly prominent in business circles. He leaves several wives and children and an estate said to aggregate over £150,000.

## Died in Jail.

A magisterial inquiry was held before Mr. F. A. Hazeland and a jury this afternoon to inquire into the circumstances attending the death of a Chinese prisoner in Victoria Jail. It appears that the deceased was convicted in 1909 for armed robbery and sentenced to seven years' hard labour. The cause of death was pleurisy. A verdict was returned in accordance with the medical evidence.

## Slave Girl Traffic.

Fugi Shige, a Japanese maseur, was sentenced the other day by Judge Crossfield at Manila to one year's imprisonment and a fine of P. 500 for importing a young Japanese girl from Hongkong for immoral purposes.

## A Terrible Sensation.

"It was a terrible sensation," says the man who is narrating his experiences while almost drowning. "After I went down for the third time my past life flashed before me in a series of pictures." "You didn't happen to notice," asks the friend, edging forward with interest, "a picture of me lending you that ten dollars of me autumn of 1898, did you?" "Life."

## Typhoon Warnings.

The telegram quoted below was received at the American Consulate General, Hongkong, from the Manila Observatory at 8 p.m.:—"Manila, July 19, 7 p.m. Cyclone or typhoon N.W. of Yap moving W.N.W. Cyclone or typhoon near or over the northern Ladrones or Mariana Islands moving W.N.W."

The subjoined telegram quoted below was received from the Manila Observatory at 9 a.m.:—"Manila, July 20, 8.30 a.m. Cyclone or typhoon N. of the Palaw Islands moving W.N.W. Cyclone or typhoon W. of the Ladrones or Mariana Islands moving W."

## HIPPODROME CIRCUS.

To-night a boxing contest will be held at the Hippodrome Circus, and the entrants are drawn chiefly from the Army and Navy. One of those who is to enter the ring is Littlejohn from H.M.S. Tamar, a boxer of no mean ability and who took part in one of the preliminaries at the Kenny-Carlson contest. Mr. J. Dempsey has decided to referee the contest. The circus has been very popular and apart from this extra turn the entertainment is excellent.

## OUR LETTER BOX.

[The opinions expressed by our correspondents are not necessarily those of "The Hongkong Telegraph."]

## AMERICA AND THE PHILIPPINES.

[To the Editor of the Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—My patriotism, my devotion to truth and my countrymen residing in this British Colony, compel me to reply to Mr. Fowler, an American Catholic Prelate, who in an issue of the "South China Morning Post" of the 14th instant caused to be published incorrect and injurious views of the Philippines and the Filipinos. For this reason I beg to request a space in your paper, for which the eight million Filipinos will thank you.

In his interview, Mr. Fowler said: "Although there is a strong party in America—the Democratic Party—who are against retaining the Philippines. That is going to be one of their cries, but even if they got to parliament—and they have a chance—I do not think they will lose hold of the islands. I think the course of action they would adopt would be to send out a commission to the Philippines, who would report that America had spent too much to justify the giving up of the Philippines. The natives are dreaming of independence and are relying on the Democratic Party, but I think they will find the Democrats taking up the same position as the Republicans." All these can pass unheeded, though we, the Filipinos, believe that American Democrats are honest politicians, and would not deceive us as the Republicans did. If, however, Mr. Fowler's assertions prove true, we will have to seek our liberty by other courses. The eight million Filipinos are not Red Indians who may be exterminated little by little, nor are they Afro-Americans who may be lynched easily in the streets of America. The Filipinos are the more advanced race in civilisation among Orientals, and whoever doubts it may consult the Census taken in 1902, and compare it with all Oriental countries including the dreaded Japan.

But what cannot pass unheeded are Mr. Fowler's estimate of the Filipinos, when at the end of his interview he said that, if we were given independence, revolution would be constantly breaking out, because we are mere children as far as government went. Revolution! Why? Under Spanish regime revolution broke out, because the country reached the proper age when it should govern itself, and had to seek with the point of the bayonet the liberties denied it, and demanded with pacific means by the people. Against America there was a revolution, because, besides provoking us by breaking hostilities on February 4th, 1899, they have not fulfilled their solemn promises to recognise our national independence, after the whole Archipelago have been militarily occupied by our forces, except Manila, the capital, which surrendered to the American Navy, thanks to help rendered by the Filipinos who blockaded the city by land. But a revolution under the Philippines' own government, seems rather a bold prophecy. A revolution is the fruit of oppression or tyranny. A country never revolutionizes simply for fun. While the Philippines are governed by a Foreign Power, sooner or later, revolution must break out. This is a historical law. But once free and independent, a revolution is simply impossible, because sublatia causa tollit effectum, and, besides, the Filipinos are naturally a peaceful race. A happy country dreams not of a revolution.

"We are mere children as far as government went" is a false and calumnious assertion. We refer to facts which are more eloquent than speeches.

They cannot be mere children who throw off the Spanish yoke by force of arms, and establishing afterwards a republic which, though it lived but a short life yet surprised the world with her laws, wisely laid out and effectively enforced.

They cannot be mere children who to defend their national honour have fought a powerful nation as America.

They cannot be mere children who actually have a President and two Magistrates in the Supreme Court of Justice, four Members in the Philippine Commission, two Resident Delegates in the Capital at Washington, an Attorney General, a Secretary of Finance and Justice, eighty-one Delegates to the Assembly with their Philippine Speaker, thirty-three Provincial Governors, nine District Judges, six hundred Justices of Peace, six hundred Municipal Councils, etc. who, according to the Reports of every American Governor General, fulfil satisfactorily the requirements of their duties.

They cannot be mere children who, according to the latest census, have over six hundred Lawyers as many Doctors, Pharmacutists, Journalists, Bishops, Priests, Financiers, Engineers, Shipowners, Merchants, Poets, etc.

They cannot be mere children who produce men of world-wide fame such as D. Rizal, Painter Luna, Statesman Del Pilar, Premier Mabini, Chemist Del Rosario, General Luna and others whose names have traversed the frontiers of our Archipelago for their learning and accomplishments.

The Rev. Canonmanisa Prieto of the Catholic Church, and, instead of mingling him-off with political worldly questions, should devote himself to more useful things to his sect and to his God. Jesus said: "My Kingdom is not on Earth.—I am, Dear Sir, yours respectfully,

TACA-KOTTA.

Hongkong, July 19.

## MACAO HARBOUR.

## The Dredging Operations.

THE "TELEGRAPH" CORRESPONDENT.

Canton, July 18.

His Excellency the Canton Viceroy is reported to have telegraphed to the New Cabinet and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to the effect that the cropping up of the question of dredging the Macao Harbour is, to some extent, the outcome of the lingering on of the Macao boundary delimitation question. Now, as the excitement and agitation of the Chinese which have been brought about by the high-handed action of the Macao Government, are so great, it is feared that an international complication of unusual character may momentarily break out. The Viceroy is pressing the Cabinet and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to come to an early decision as to whether the Macao boundary delimitation question should be settled in the capital or in Canton.

## THE NAVY LEAGUE.

The Secretary of the Navy League sends us the following notice:—

At a meeting of the Executive Committee, held on Tuesday, 20th ult., the following resolution was unanimously passed:—

The Navy League regard with the gravest anxiety and concern the possibility of the question of the Declaration of London and the connected Treaty proposals being made the subject of a Party vote in the House of Commons, and therefore urge the appointment of a Committee of Experts as the only sure means of avoiding a contingency so disastrous to Imperial interests and as the best means of impartially considering a matter of vital importance to the Empire which is not yet understood by the people either at home or in the Overseas Dominions.

## Netherlands Trading Society.

The local agents of the Nederlandsche Handel-Maatschappij (Netherlands Trading Society) favour us with a copy of their annual report and balance sheet. It bears that during the year 1910 the general balance sheet, after profit and loss account, after deducting current expenses, and writing off bad debts, and with the addition of the balance brought forward from 1909, show a profit amounting to \$4,743,003.40 (\$395,250), out of which, after providing for the statutory reserve to the extent of \$102,081 (\$41,007), a dividend of 9 per cent. has been declared.



## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held this afternoon when there were present:

H.E. the Governor, Sir Frederick John Denley, K.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O.  
Hon. Mr. W. D. Barnes (Colonial Secretary).  
Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster (Attorney-General).  
Hon. Mr. A. M. Thomson (Colonial Treasurer).  
Hon. Mr. W. Chatham, C.M.G. (Director of Public Works).  
Hon. Mr. E. A. Hewitt.  
Hon. Mr. A. W. Brown, (Registrar-General).  
Hon. Capt. F. W. Lyons (Capt. Supt. of Police).  
Hon. Dr. Ho Kai, M.B., C.M.G.  
Hon. Mr. Wei Yuk, C.M.G.  
Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C.  
Hon. Mr. C. Montague Ede.  
Hon. Mr. C. H. Ross.  
Mr. C. Clementi (Clerk of Councils).

**Registrar General's Report.**  
The report of the Registrar General was submitted to the Council. The revenue from all sources during the year was \$15,492, a little less than one-tenth of the revenue for 1908. The expenditure was \$42,462 compared to the \$43,793 in 1909, and fell short of the estimate by \$3,857.

Under the heading of Protection of Women and Girls, the number of individuals detained under warrant was 302 as compared with 280 in 1909.

The number of women and children passengers examined and allowed to proceed under the Emigration Ordinance was 16,806, as compared with 11,080 in 1909. The number of assisted male emigrants examined was 21,983 as against 18,511 in 1909. Seventy-seven assisted emigrants were returned from Singapore as medically unfit.

The report deals with the expenses at the Tang Wa Hospital, and also states that the number of admissions have risen and is 1,255 against 3,723 in 1909.

**Financial Minutes.**  
The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) in aid of the vote Miscellaneous Services, Steam Launch.

H. E. also recommended the Council to vote a sum of twenty-one thousand two hundred and eighty-two dollars and forty-six cents (\$21,282.46) in aid of the vote Charges on account of public debt, sinking fund on 3.1-2 per cent inscribed stock, (Wuchang loan at 1 per cent, £1,143,933.)

Those were referred to the Finance Committee on the recommendation of the Colonial Secretary.

**Post Office Ordinance.**  
The first reading of the Bill entitled "An Ordinance to amend the Post Office Ordinance, 1910," was proposed by the Hon. Attorney General.

The new sub-section (2) of section 6 of the Principal Ordinance differs from the sub-section it replaces by the addition of the words "from all persons who arrive in the Colony with letters, or," by the substitution of the words "intended to be despatched" for the word "transmitted," and by the addition of the words "from out of the Colony."

These amendments were rendered necessary as it was found that the original wording was not sufficient to enable the authorities to deal with attempts to encroach on the exclusive privileges of the Postmaster General. Section 3 of the Bill is based on section 49 of the Singapore Ordinance No. 5 of 1904 and is introduced for the purpose of giving legislative sanction to a new arrangement. Section 4 is based on section 16 of the Imperial Post Office Act 1908 and on section 31 of the Singapore Ordinance. The importation of lottery tickets is already prohibited by regulations. Section 5 is based on section 9 of the Imperial Act and section 25 of the Singapore Ordinance, set on 6 on section 18 of the Imperial Act and section 36 of the Singapore Ordinance, section 7 on section 10 of the Imperial Act, section 8, on section 64 of the Imperial Act, section 9 on section 61 of the Imperial Act, section 10 on section 63 of the Imperial Act with additions to cover the cases of gum, dyes and other injurious substances, and section 11 on section 67 of the Imperial Act.

The Attorney-General moved the first reading of the Bill. Carried.

## Powers of Crown Solicitor.

The Hon. Attorney General proposed the first reading of a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to make provision for the appointment of and to define the powers of the Crown Solicitor and Assistant Crown Solicitor." This Bill is necessary owing to the appointment as Crown Solicitor of Mr. Kemp, who will be an English barrister by the time he arrives in the Colony, and of the decision of the Government to appoint one or more persons, not necessarily legally qualified persons, as Assistant Crown Solicitors.

The Bill was read a first time on the motion of the Attorney-General.

## Crown Lands.

The Hon. Attorney General also proposed the first reading of a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to further amend the Crown Lands Resumption Ordinance of 1900." H. M. Secretary of State for the Colonies has, in despatches dated respectively the 13th January and the 11th May, 1911, advised that the Crown Lands Resumption Ordinance, 1900, should be amended by some express provision being made as to arbitrators' fees. The remuneration of the clerk is fixed by the Governor under section 4 (4) of the Principal Ordinance.

This was also read a first time. The Attorney General also moved the first reading of a Bill entitled an Ordinance to further amend the Prison Ordinance of 1899, which was not upon the standing orders of the day.

The Colonial Secretary seconded. Carried.

**Probates Ordinance.**  
The Council went into Committee on the second reading of the Bill, entitled "An Ordinance to amend the Probates Ordinance of 1897."

On the suggestion of the Attorney General the Bill was left in Committee as it, in connection with the Stamp Bill, makes a change in the law, and it should, the Attorney General thought, be passed at the same time as the Stamp Ordinance.

**Stamp Duties.**

The Hon. Colonial Secretary moved the second reading of the Bill entitled "An Ordinance to consolidate and amend the law relating to the management of Stamp Duties." The Attorney General moved that the Bill be considered in Committee, clause by clause.

## Private Vehicles.

In moving the second reading of the Bill entitled "an Ordinance to amend the Private Vehicles Licensing Ordinance 1895, the Attorney General said that the learned editor who was engaged in revising the ordinances of the colony had in view of the powers conferred upon him considerably revised the old bill and it was thought advisable to embody them in a separate ordinance.

The Bill was also read a third time and passed.

**Question of Postage.**  
The Colonial Secretary proposed the second reading of the Bill, entitled an Ordinance to authorize the Appropriation of a Supplementary Sum of \$438,909.43 to defray the charges of the year 1910.

The Colonial Secretary said:—The things which moved the Government to frame the bill were fully set out to the Council at the last meeting by your Excellency and I don't think it is necessary to say anything.

The Hon. Mr. Hewitt in the Committee stage said he would like to draw attention to the increase in the Post Office. There was a difference of nearly \$35,000 on the mails sent via Siberia. The question had been before the Council previously but he thought the time had arisen when the question had to be considered by the government. He thought that those people who sent their letters via Siberia ought to pay for it. He did not think it should be paid for by the people of Hongkong.

His Excellency: That has been represented by me to the Secretary of State. The reply of the Secretary of State was that to charge the higher rate was against the whole policy of the British Post Office. The policy has been to reduce the postage to the penny rate for every possible route and to charge the higher rate for the Siberian route is contrary to that policy.

Hon. Mr. Hewitt:—I think the decision of the Secretary of State is wrong, and I think

the matter ought to be represented to him again.

Dr. Ho Kai said that what his friend meant was that on the letters sent from Hongkong via Siberia there was no loss because the ratepayers were paying for it and not outside.

## Other Bills.

The Bills entitled "An Ordinance to amend and codify the law as to Common Forms and as to the Interpretation of Terms used in Ordinances," and "An Ordinance to abolish Minimum Penalties, and to bring the Law of the Colony as to Penalties into uniformity with the Law of England, and for other purposes" were read for a third time.

The report of the Law Committee was also considered and drafts attached thereto, substituted for bills introduced at the last sitting of the Council.

The Council then adjourned till next Thursday week.

## LAST NIGHT'S ORGAN RECITAL.

The departure of Mr. Denman Fuller from his usual practice, in giving an organ recital after dinner, despite the miserable weather that prevailed, was a complete success and we hope that the precedent which has now been set will be followed often in the future.

The good number that had braved the elements, were given a musical treat such as is always expected now of the clever organist, who never fails to demonstrate his complete mastery over the instrument. It would be futile to individualise each item, for they were all rendered well, but special mention should be made of the rendering of an excerpt from Cavalleria Rusticana. We have heard this selection from Mascagni's famous opera many times and under many conditions, but cannot remember ever hearing such a fine interpretation before. The breadth of treatment was masterly, and was marked throughout by a technique that must have appealed to all lovers of fine music.

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Approaches to be Deepened

THE "TELEGRAPH" CORRESPONDENT

Canton, July 20.  
His Excellency Ngai Hon, Court Councillor and Director of the Whampoa Dock in Canton, has decided that the slip bars are too shallow for the admission of vessels of deep draught for the purpose of effecting repairs, and intends to improve the same by dredging. The Director has submitted his suggestions for effecting general improvements in the Dock to the Viceroy, for consideration and approval.

## JIMAH CASE.

Share Forfeiture.

The action brought by James Henry Wells against the Jimah Rubber Estates, Ltd., and the three directors concerned was concluded before the Chief Justice, Sir Archibald Law, last Thursday, judgment being reserved.

Mr. Upcott contended that the evidence in cross-examination left the case exactly where it was before, and that it was merely directed to show that possibly if the directors had referred to the accounts, had they been in existence, they would not have signed the certificate as fully paid. It was not in the least in point to enquire how it was that the certificates came to be signed as fully paid. It was common ground they were, and the question for the Court was, what was the legal effect of it. The estoppel did not rest on negligence, and in so far as counsel for the plaintiff cross-examined defendant's witnesses to prove they were careless sort of people, he was merely taking upon himself more than was necessary.

Mr. Braddell replied on points of law.

## SUPREME COURT.

## A Short Case.

An action was heard in the Supreme Court this morning before Mr. Justice Gompertz in which the Kwong Chun Shing firm were plaintiffs, claiming from Tsang Yau, alias Tsang Sun Yau, the sum of \$660.88, being balance due for goods sold and supplied.

Mr. Otto Kong Sing appeared for plaintiffs and Mr. Harding for defendants.

Mr. Otto Kong Sing: I appear for plaintiffs, I understand. Mr. Harding, who is absent, consents to judgment with a stay of execution for a fortnight with leave to apply.

The Judge agreed.

## WATER-POLO.

## 88th Co. R.G.A. v. B.O.C.

The first match of the season under the auspices of the Hongkong Water Polo Association was played in the V.R.C. bath last evening. The game created no small amount of interest, but, briefly summed up, was a poor exhibition of water polo. The teams were:—

88th Co. R.G.A.: West; Hardy and Patterson; Ryan; Hughes, Snow and Chanyul.

B.O.C.: White; da Rosa and Carvalho; Rodrigues; Mitchell, Logan and Chanyul.

The B.O.C. were first to reach the ball, and were not slow to take full advantage of such an opening. Following the invariable back pass, Logan was given possession, and, swimming close in, he deftly gave the ball to Mitchell, who had hard lines in not opening the score.

It was easy to see after this incident which was the better team. The Soldiers lacked the combination which was of such benefit to the B.O.C., and the latter apparently discovering this weakness in their opponents were more forceful. Within two minutes of the commencement they had recorded the first goal through Carvalho, who was playing a good game at back.

The game had hardly resumed when Logan, after a fine individual effort, put on Number 2.

Carvalho quickly followed with a third, and the last goal of the first half was registered by Rodrigues.

Half-time: B.O.C. 4; 88th Co. R.G.A., 0.

The second half was more even, the Soldiers showing up to more advantage and Hughes and Snow ably backed up by Mitchell, made a big attempt to reduce the score. The weak spot in the team was in the defence, and West ought to have dealt better with three of the shots which found the net.

The game taken as a whole was all in favour of the B.O.C., and they were, to put it colloquially, "the only team in it."

Final: B.O.C. 4; 88th Co. R.G.A., 0.

## THE MOTOR-CAR FATALITY.

To day's Proceedings.

Defendant Committed for Trial.

Percy Edward Gibson, a chauffeur in the employ of the Exile Garage, was brought up on remand before Mr. J. R. Wood at the Magistrate's this afternoon on a charge of alleged manslaughter of a Chinese boy at Wanchai on the 10th July last. Mr. M. Reader Harris, of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, prosecuted, while Inspector W. Korr watched the proceedings on behalf of the Police.

Dr. W. B. A. Moore, Assistant Superintendent at the Government Civil Hospital, gave medical evidence, in the course of which he testified that the deceased was brought to the hospital in an unconscious state. On the following morning, he made a post-mortem examination of the corpse. He found a bruise on the forehead, a cut on the right upper lip, a bruise on the right knee and a fracture of the skull. Otherwise, the organs were healthy. Death was due to fracture of the skull.

The evidence of a number of Chinese witnesses was also taken. After further evidence, the case was committed for trial at the next Criminal Sessions, after the usual caution had been administered to the defendant.

Defendant on being asked whether he wished to make a statement, said: "I am not guilty."

## LATE TELEGRAMS.

[From Ceylon and Manila Papers.]

## The Tinnovelly Murder.

Calcutta, June 25.—Anon the Asho murder another arrest has been made near Maniyachi and the accused released on bail by the Tinnovelly Magistrate. A Madraesi named Pillai, said to be related to Chidambaram Pillai and a new arrival in Calcutta, has also been arrested here on receipt of telegraphic instructions from Tinnovelly.

## Troops Needed to Quell Riots.

Amsterdam, July 7.—In a riot at the city docks to-day, the police were unable to quell the disturbance and troops were called out. A volley was fired and eight of the rioters were injured.

## Sequel to the Recent Hindou-Muslim Riots.

Calcutta, June 25.—A punitive Police Force will be stationed in the Jessoro and Khulna districts on account of the recent Hindu Muslim riots.

## 10,000 Rally Around Cipriano Castro.

Washington, July 9.—Cable messages received at the state department hint at another revolution in Venezuela caused by the landing of Cipriano Castro in the western part of the South American republic. Already the former dictator of Venezuelan affairs has gathered about him 10,000 followers and the Venezuelan government is watching their actions with considerable concern.

## The Metropolitan of India.

Calcutta, June 26.—It is authoritatively announced that Dr. Copleston, Bishop of Calcutta and Metropolitan of India, is going home by this week's mail. He is resigning his see owing to ill-health. Dr. Laforey, Bishop of Lahore, will probably succeed him. Dr. Copleston's activities are well known in Ceylon.

## General Bingham Quits New Post.

New York, July 11.—General Theodore A. Bingham has resigned as chief engineer of New York state highways.

General Theodore A. Bingham, U.S.A. retired, was commissioner of New York city's police system, from 1906 to 1909. His resignation was brought about by political agitation of charges of incapacity made by partisans opposed to him. He was appointed three months ago to the position he has just resigned.

## Sad Drowning Accident at Calcutta.

Calcutta, June 26.—Mr. Chapman, Chief Officer of the Steamship Modira, lying at Budge Budge, was drowned yesterday, having slipped down from a post on board while engaged in a sparring bout with a friend who later was rescued with difficulty, but the body of Chapman has not yet been found.

## Longevity Claims.

Washington, July 11.—The Supreme Court of the District of Columbia has declined to rest on the Longevity claims.

## The Delhi Durbar.

Calcutta, June 25.—It is proposed, in commemoration of the Delhi Durbar, that medallions will be distributed among the pupils of the educational institutions as a part of the celebrations of twelfth December. Orders are being issued regarding the striking of the medallions at the mint.

## Amendments to Reciprocity Are Lost.

Washington, July 11.—The Senate yesterday defeated the amendments added by the Democrats in the House to the reciprocity bill.

The amendments defeated by the Senate were undoubtedly the farmers' free list including some 100 different articles added to the bill by the Democratic committee on ways and means of the House of Representatives. President Taft was himself opposed to these amendments. He has frequently expressed the hope that he would be able to pass the bill without them, although he was willing to accept even the amendments in order to have the rest of the bill passed as introduced by Representative McCall of Massachusetts.

The death duties collected in France during 1909 amounted to \$52,236,395. The estates concerned numbered 379,418, with an aggregate net value of \$1,197,004,218, the average value per share being about \$2,900.

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Byron: 6th Oct.	For Rotterdam & Hamburg:
	S.S. "Sagitta" 12th Aug.
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Hongkong, 12th July, 1911. [366]

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## COMMERCIAL.

## Rubber.

The following extracts are taken from the "London and China Express" of June 23:—

The market for Para has been quiet, but steady. Hard Fine on the spot and near closing at 4s. 01-2d. value (last year 10s. 1d.) July-Aug. delivery sold at 4s. 1d. to 4s. 01-2d. and value, Aug.-Sept. at 4s. 11-2d. and value; and Sept.-Oct. at 4s. 11-2d., Oct.-Nov. quoted 4s. 1d. Soft Fine June-July and July-Aug. delivery quoted 3s. 11d. value. The receipts at Para this month are 900 tons. Plantation quiet. First latex June delivery sold 4s. 11d. Contract qualities July-Sept. quoted 4s. 5d. value and Oct. Dec. 4s. 3d.

The shrinkage in the size of Hevea Brasiliensis seed in the case of matured trees on Middle East rubber plantations, noted by a number of estate managers during the past year or so, is not, according to Mr. H. A. Wickham, an unnatural development, remarks the "Financial." We were inclined to treat this shrinkage as having some possible bearing on the probable future effects on Hevea when subjected to the treatment the trees receive on the average well-managed plantation in the Middle East. Mr. Wickham says the decrease in the size of Hevea Brasiliensis seed is, according to his observations, both in the Amazon Valley and in the Middle East, nothing new. "I have always observed," he says "alteration both in size and form in the seed of the older Hevea trees, so much so as to be able to distinguish between seed from old or young trees lying scattered over the floor of the forest. Young seeds are larger and more globular in form, while the older tree seeds are flatter, with thicker and harder shells, the centre groove being more marked. The leaf of the older tree, too, is also smaller." This may be said effectively to dispose of the idea that seed shrinkage is attributable to the tipping (premature or otherwise) of plantation Hevea—premature, that is to say, in comparison with the age at which the trees are considered practical prepositions in the South American forests.

Rubber Industry in Netherlands-India.

The British Consular report on Java notes that 1910 has been a most interesting year for rubber in Java, as the oldest of the Hevea plantations have now reached the productive stage. Little natural tapping has been done, but a commencement has been made, and the small quantities of "Java plantation" which have reached the London market have been conspicuous for the high prices realized. Figures as to yields per tree are not yet available, but results obtained have been highly satisfactory. Of the capital sunk during 1910, that of British investors easily takes the first place, and from figures compiled by the Netherlands-India Agricultural Syndicate it appears that in Java alone no less than £5,500,000 has already been paid up in respect of 87 British companies with an authorized capital of nearly £7,000,000. The figures are admittedly incomplete. The syndicate has endeavoured to collect statistics as to the area planted with rubber in Java, and has arrived at a total of 157 estates, with an area of 85,000 acres of planted rubber, principally Hevea Brasiliensis. These figures are, however, recognized as incomplete.

As regards the East Coast of Sumatra, at the end of 1910 it is calculated that there were 36 British plantation rubber companies representing a capital of, approximately, £4,000,000. It is further estimated that there were about 445,000 acres of land held on lease by British companies, of which nearly 55,000 acres were planted with rubber. No accurate figures are available, but an attempt has been made to ascertain the total capital invested in the industry on December 31, 1910, with the following result, viz.:—British, £1,000,000; Dutch, £2,100,000; Belgian, £550,000; Miscellaneous, £200,000; total, £3,850,000. The total area planted with rubber on December 31, 1910, is estimated at 80,000 acres, of which over 70,000 acres is Hevea Brasiliensis. Several of the older established companies are now tapping a small proportion of their trees.







COMMERCIAL  
EXCHANGE.

Selling.	
London—Bank T.T.	1/9 3/4
Do. Demand.	1/9 11/16
Do. 4 months sight.	1/9 13/16
France—Bank T.T.	2.27 1/2
America—Bank T.T.	48 1/2
Gönnany—Bank T.T.	1.84
India T.T.	194 1/2
Do. Demand	135
Shanghai—Bank T.T.	74 1/2
Sang.—Bank T.T. per H.K. \$100	77 1/2
Japan—Bank T.T.	88 1/2
Java—Bank T.T.	108 1/2
Buying.	
4 months sight L/C.	1/10
6 months sight L/C.	1/10 1/2
30 days sight San Francisco & N. York	44 1/2
4 months sight do.	45 1/2
80 days sight Sydney & Melbourne	1/10 1/2
4 months sight France	2.32
6 months sight do.	2.34
4 months sight Germany	1.88 1/2
Bar Silver	24 1/2
Bank of England rate	3 1/2
Sovereign	\$11

## POST OFFICE.

Only fully prepaid letters and postcards are transmissible by the Siberian Route to Europe.

The S.S. Assaya, with the Siberian Mail is due to arrive here to-morrow.

A Mail will close for:—

Shanghai Chefoo and Newchwang—Per Wingsang, 21st July, 10 A.M.	
Saigon—Per Veifeld, 21st July, 10 A.M.	
Hoihow and Bangkok—Per Drufar, 21st July, 10 A.M.	
Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Honolulu and San Francisco—Per American-maru, 21st July, 11 A.M.	
Manila—Per Sui Tai, 21st July, 1.15 P.M.	
Manila, Cebu and Hilo—Per Zafiro, 21st July, 3 P.M.	
Hongay—Per Hoipang, 21st July, 5 P.M.	
Singapore, Penang, and Calcutta—Per Kamsang, 22nd July, 10 A.M.	
Europe, &c., India via Tuticorin—Per Assaya, 22nd July, 11 P.M.	
Manila (taking Mail for Cebu and Hilo)—Per Wingsang, 22nd July, 4 P.M.	
Amoy—Per Sui Tai, 22nd July, 8 P.M.	
Amoy and Foochow—Per Hatching, 22nd July, 4 P.M.	
SHANGHAI SIBERIAN Mail to Europe—Per Chennu, 22nd July, 5 P.M.	
Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Honolulu and Vancouver (B.C.) (Siberian Mail to Europe)—Per Empress of Japan, 2nd July, 5 P.M.	
Swatow, Tientsin, Weihaiwei, Chefoo and Hongkong—Per Cheong-ching, 22nd July, 5 P.M.	
Shanghai—Per Hingang, 22nd July, 5 P.M.	
Timor, Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Melbourne, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, Hobart, Launceston, New Zealand, Dunedin, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth and Fremantle—Per Empire, 22nd July, 10 A.M.	
Amoy and Shanghai—Per Tjiuwong, 24th July, 1 P.M.	
Keelung, Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria and Tacoma—Per Canada Maru, 25th July, 10 A.M.	
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per Huiyang, 25th July, noon.	
Manila, Cebu and Hilo—Per Tean, 25th July, 3 P.M.	
Europe, &c., India via Tuticorin—Per Princess Alice, 26th July, 11 A.M.	
Haiiphong—Per Singan, 27th July, 9 A.M.	
Shanghai—Per Linnan, 27th July, 3 P.M.	
Batavia, Cheribon, Samarang and Sourabaya—Per Tjiwanan, 28th July, 11 A.M.	
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per Huiyang, 28th July, noon.	
Manila (taking Mail for Cebu and Hilo)—Per Loongang, 29th July, 1 P.M.	
SHANGHAI SIBERIAN Mail to Europe—Per Chinaba, 29th July, 6 P.M.	
Manila, Cebu and Hilo—Per Rubi, 31st July, 3 P.M.	
Kobe and Yokohama—Per Yawata-maru, 1st Aug., 10 A.M.	
Europe, &c., India via Tuticorin—Per Arundel, 1st Aug., noon.	
Singapore, Penang and Colombo—Per Kitanomaru, 1st Aug., 6 P.M.	
Manila, (taking Mail for Cebu and Hilo) Thursday Island, Cooktown, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, Hobart, Launceston, New Zealand, Dunedin, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth and Fremantle—Per Kitanomaru, 4th Aug., 10 A.M.	

Wei-hai-wei and Tientsin—Per Hui-chow, 2nd Aug., 3 P.M.

Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Honolulu and San Francisco—Per Persia, 4th Aug., noon.

Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama and Seattle—Per Minnesota, 5th Aug., 10 A.M.

Shanghai, Kobe and Moji—Per Fook-sang, 8th Aug., 11 A.M.

Manila, (taking Mail for Cebu and Hilo) Yap, Maroun, Friedrich, Wilhelmshafen, Rabaul, Honioksho, Matupi, Samarai, Brisbane, Sydney, Hobart, Launceston, New Zealand, Dunedin, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth and Fremantle—Per Prinz Waldemar, 12th Aug., 3 P.M.

## VESSELS IN PORT.

STEAMERS.	
America Maru, Jap. s.s., 3,464, A. G. Stevens, 11th July—San Francisco 14th July, Nitrate, Provision and Gen.—T. K. K.	
Canada Maru, Jap. s.s., 3,759, K. Mori, 13th July—Shanghai 10th July, Gen.—O. S. K.	
Chihli, Br. s.s., 1,143, F. McGarity, 17th July—Qingchow-yuan 16th July, Salt—B. & S.	
Coquet, Br. s.s., 2,865, Wm. Sutherland, 18th July—Moji 6th July, Coal—M. B. K.	
Drufar, Nor. s.s., 1,102, J. Bing, 17th July—Bangkok 9th and Swatow 16th July, Gen.—O. S. S. N. & Co.	
Empress of Japan, Br. s.s., 3,039, S. Robinson, 18th July—Vancouver 23rd June and Shanghai 10th July, Mail and Gen.—C. P. R. Co.	
Hanyang, Br. s.s., 1,256, Spink, 18th July—Hongay 13th July, Coal—B. & S.	
Hopsang, Br. s.s., 1,359, J. M. Hay, 14th July—Pulo Laut, Coal—J. M. & Co.	
Hunan, Br. s.s., 1,113, Speed, 16th July—Canton 16th July, Gen.—B. & S.	
Knight Companion, Br. s.s., 1,715, John Keedall, 14th July—Moji 9th July, Coal—O. & Co.	
Kohsienang, Ger. s.s., 1,292, Rosiefsky, 19th July—Bangkok 12th July, Rice—B. & S.	
Kamsang, Br. s.s., 2,677, P. Wheeler, 15th July—Calcutta 30th June, Gen.—J. M. & Co.	
Loosok, Ger. s.s., 1,020, G. Schultzen, 16th July—Bangkok, via Swatow 9th July, Rice—B. & S.	
Lyeemoon, Ger. s.s., 1,295, V. Pilgrim, 16th July—Saigon 12th July, Gen.—H. A. L.	
Osterie, Br. s.s., Findlay, 16th July—Seattle 7th June and Shanghai 14th July, Gen.—Bank Line.	
Pitramuk, Ger. s.s., D. Reimers, 15th July—Bangkok 9th July, Gen.—M. & Co.	
Siltra, Nor. s.s., 2,097, Bryn, 17th July—Karatun 11th July, Coal—D. & Co.	
Tenyo Maru, Jap. s.s., 7,265, E. Beht, 18th July—San Francisco 21st June, Mail and Gen.—T. K. K.	
Tjiuwong, Dutch s.s., 3,061, J. B. V. Damino Jalink, 16th July, Macassar 8th July, Sugar and Gen.—J. C. J. L.	
Vestfold, Nor. s.s., 1,112, Petersen, 8th July—Bangkok 1st July, Rice—C. S. S. Ltd.	
Zafiro, Am. s.s., 1,103, M. C. Smith, 19th July—Manila 14th July, Gen.—S. T. & Co.	

## SAILING VESSEL.

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## SHIPS PASSED THE CANAL.

4th July—Bayern, Bendori.	
Cyclops, Glentworth, Samatra, Theosus, 12th July—Himalaya, Hyson, Moyano.	
Oopack, Tango Maru, Aleia, Vorwaerts, Arosidis, Athens, 14 July—Braemar Kintuck, Monmouthshire, Myrmidon, Peshawar, Sardinia, 18th July—Bonghe, China, Nil, Prinz Ludwig, Tonkin, Welsh Prince.	
Arrivals at Hong—4th July—Agamemnon, Aki Maru, Jason, Montrose, Sicilia, 11th July—Bayern, Cyclops, Sachsen, Theosus, Yunnan, 14th July—Derflinger, Plintahiro, Kaga Maru, Guel-onan.	

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Pacific (Persia) 26th inst.

The H. A. L. s.s. Silvia left Foo-chow on the 19th inst., at p.m., and may be expected here on the 21st inst., at p.m.

## ARRIVALS.

Fukui Maru, Jap. s.s., 3,087, H. Tomimata, 19th July—Moji 12th July, Coal—M. B. K.

Baron Minto, Br. s.s., 2,996, T. Baillin, 19th July—Moji 13th July, Coal—G. & Co.

Yangtze, Br. s.s., 4,149, Bruce Hendard, 20th July—Yokohama via Shanghai 7th July, Gen.—B. & S.

Tjinhai, Dutch s.s., 7,250, J. P. Scholten, 20th July—Java 6th July, Gen.—J. C. J. L.

Yuensang, Br. s.s., 1,128, P. H. Rolfe, 20th July—Manila 17th July, Gen.—J. M. & Co.

Hsin Chang, Chi. s.s., 1,258, Hainb-lin, 20th July—Canton 19th July, Gen.—C. M. S. N. Co.

Wing Sang, Br. s.s., 2,339, T. H. Lishman, 20th July—Canton 19th July, Beans and Gen.—J. M. & Co.

Yatsing, Br. s.s., 1,324, S. J. Payne, 19th July—Taka 17th July, Ballast.—J. M. & Co.

Mandawan Maru, Jap. s.s., 3,248, T. Ota, 20th July—Moji 16th July, Coal—M. B. K.

Sabine Rickmers, Dutch s.s., 883, D. E. Boove, 20th July—Canton 19th July, Ballast.—A. P. Co.

Tai-han, Chi. s.s., 1,216, R. G. Paramoro, 20th July—Shanghai 15th July, Gen.—C. M. S. N. Co.

## CLEARANCES AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE.

Barneo, for Jesselton.  
Tjinhai, for Swatow.  
Amhui, for Shanghai.  
Pongtong, for Hoihow.  
Yangtze, for Singapore.  
Sabine Rickmers, for Swatow.

## DEPARTED.

July 20.  
Hirano-maru, for Kobe.  
Benzlowers, for Nagasaki.  
Hainman, for Swatow.  
Delhi, for Europa.  
Hansang, for Canton.  
Daguy, for Canton.  
Amhui, for Shanghai.  
Barneo, for Sandakan.

## PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

For Tjinhai, arrived 20th July from Java.  
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For Yuen-sang, arrived 20th July from Manila.  
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